

LIVESTOCK ON FARMS JANUARY 1				
YEAR	All Cattle (including milk cows)	Milk Cows (2 years and older) 1/	Hogs and Pigs 2/	Stock Sheep and Lambs
1935	1,630	NA	1,296	1,472
1940	1,856	NA	1,063	857
1945	2,200	NA	1,709	1,093
1950	1,968	399	2,335	943
1954	3,406	355	2,417	768
1959	2,924	146	2,088	494
1964	2,569	259	1,238	228
1969	1,437	105	1,583	85
1974	2,057	126	1,108	47
1978	550	61	871	(D)
1982	538	10	1,296	(D)
1987	707	(D)	(D)	----
1992	1,059	(D)	(D)	(D)
1997	896	----	(D)	87

1/ "Milk cows that have calved" beginning in 1970. 2/ Beginning in 1970 hog inventory data refers to preceding December. NA Not available. (D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms. ---- Represents zero.

FARM INCOME AND SALES			
	1997	1992	1987
Number of farms:	59	66	47
Farm income and sales:			
	-Thousand Dollars-		
Crops Sold	5,947	5,120	2,110
Grains	(D)	(D)	2,034
Tobacco	----	----	----
Field seeds, hay, forage, and silage	(D)	16	46
Other field crops	----	----	----
Vegetables, sweet corn and melons	----	----	----
Fruits, nuts and berries	----	----	(D)
Nursery and greenhouse products	(D)	(D)	(D)
Forest Products Sold	(D)	32	(D)
Livestock, Poultry and Products Sold	632	191	302
Poultry and products	(D)	----	----
Dairy products	----	----	----
Cattle and calves	117	88	(D)
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	(D)
Sheep, lambs and wool	(D)	----	----
Other livestock and products	(D)	(D)	----
Total income from sales:	6,579	5,311	2,413
Custom work and other agricultural services:	76	(D)	20

(D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms.  
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NUMBER OF FARMS, BY SIZE, GROUP								
YEAR	Size of Farm (Acres)							All Farms
	1-9	10-49	50-179	180-499	500-999	1,000-1,999	2,000+	
			50-174 1/	175-499 1/		1,000-Over 1/		
1974	2	3	28	31	17	7	1	89
1978	1	17	15	13	16	6	2	70
1982	4	16	19	12	12	7	1	70
1987	3	8	8	9	10	9	1	47
1992	5	14	19	8	9	11	3	66
1997	6	12	12	7	11	11	----	59

1/ Applies to 1997. ---- Represents zero.

OPERATORS' OCCUPATION AND AGE				
	1982	1987	1992	1997

Operators by principal occupation:

Farming .....	34	29	35	28
Other .....	36	18	31	31

Operators by age group:

Under 25 years .....	2	1	1	1
25 to 34 years .....	14	6	6	----
35 to 44 years .....	9	9	14	12
45 to 54 years .....	15	13	8	18
55 to 64 years .....	NA	6	19	15
65 years and over .....	NA	12	18	13
Average Age .....	50	53	54	55

NA Not available. ---- Represents zero.



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Charles City County lies in the part of the coastal plain known as the Lower Peninsula of Virginia. The county is almost entirely surrounded by water with the James River on the south and west and the Chickahominy River on the north and east. Charles City was one of the eight original shires into which Virginia was divided in 1634, and was named in honor of Charles I. Over the years this county has been the birthplace of two United States presidents: William Henry Harrison and John Tyler.

According to the **1997 Census of Agriculture**, there were 59 farms, each worth an average of \$736,705 per farm including land and buildings. Much as in other Virginia counties, the land in farms has been decreasing continually since 1944, with only a slight increase during the period between 1969 and 1974. The downward trend continued between 1974 and 1992 with a loss of over 6,854 farming acres. While the number of farms also decreased during this period, there was an increase in the average farm size.

The topography of Charles City is level to gently rolling, with elevations varying from sea level to 150 feet. Temperatures average 40 degrees in January and 79 in July. The frost-free growing season is approximately 207 days, usually extending from around April 5 to October 29. Annual precipitation averages 43 inches.

Although many of the inhabitants of the county are employed in Richmond or in commercial lumber plants, agriculture is nonetheless an integral part of the county's economy. The leading sources of cash farm income are soybeans, hogs, corn, wheat, cattle and calves. Some of the finest grain and livestock farms in the state are found in Charles City in the James River Valley.

The county seat is located at Charles City. In 1990, the estimated county population was 6,282. The total gross personal income that year was \$114.5 million, or an average of \$18,226 per capita.

FARM DATA & LAND USE									
YEAR	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Avg. Value Per Acre For Land & Buildings	LAND USE					
				Cropland			Other Pasture <u>1/</u>	Woodland	
				Harvested	Other	Pasture		Pasture	Not Pastured
	Number	Acres	Dollars	-Acres-					
1935	753	68,886	26	9,985	8,531	4,260	146	NA	41,061
1940	368	51,102	28	11,117	4,996	4,068	NA	NA	NA
1945	432	48,627	43	11,636	4,499	2,537	833	NA	26,195
1950	400	48,166	70	12,787	3,881	2,165	2,318	NA	24,448
1954	301	45,875	88	14,885	1,135	1,884	2,479	NA	23,655
1959	171	43,828	175	12,441	1,126	2,089	1,648	NA	24,420
1964	107	37,773	150	11,259	1,593	1,614	1,366	928	14,081
1969	73	25,199	536	12,235	2,786	1,344	741	2,113	3,406
1974 <u>2/</u>	89	35,681	736	18,705	514	2,141	1,104	1,016	6,487
1978	70	30,105	1,116	15,371	997	(D)	(D)	754	10,571
1982	70	25,104	1,034	15,163	195	197	479	1,453	5,978
1987	47	25,273	1,035	13,280	2,663	297	659	286	7,275
1992	66	28,827	1,496	16,605	565	931	441	348	8,690
1997	59	(D)	1,471	(D)	1,430	860	(D)	(D)	6,160

1/ Due to changes in definition and wording of questions, figures for "cropland pasture" and "other pasture" are not always comparable from the Census. Acreage beginning with 1964 refer to pastureland and rangeland, other than cropland and woodland pastured, on farms with sales of agricultural products of \$2,500 and over. 2/ Beginning with 1964, agricultural operations under individual management with annual sales of \$1,000 or more. NA Not Available. (D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms.

APPLE AND PEACH TREE NUMBERS									
YEAR	APPLES				PEACHES				
	No. Farms Reporting	Non-bearing Trees	Bearing Trees	Total	No. Farms Reporting	Non-bearing Trees	Bearing Trees	Total	
1935	333	321	1,950	2,271	222	217	775	992	
1940	14	NA	NA	379	6	NA	NA	189	
1945	332	NA	NA	2,123	322	NA	NA	1,342	
1950	63	119	363	482	59	3,394	266	3,660	
1954*	21	216	198	414	20	3,146	3,158	6,304	
1959*	9	146	86	232	8	NA	1,773	1,773	
1964*	4	13	48	61	4	10	7	17	
1969* <u>1/</u>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
1974* <u>1/</u>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
1978 <u>2/</u>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
1982	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
1987	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
1992	4	(D)	(D)	86	NA	NA	NA	NA	
1997	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	

\* Does not include data for farms with less than 20 trees and grapevines. 1/ Data for farms with total sales of agricultural products of \$2,500 and over. 2/ Data for all farms. NA Not available. (D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms.

POULTRY SALES						
YEAR	Broilers		Turkeys		Hens & Pullets of Laying Age	
	Number of Farms	Number Sold	Number of Farms	Number Sold	Number of Farms	Number Sold
1945 <u>1/</u>	392	51,984	6	224	NA	NA
1950 <u>2/</u>	83	7,524	5	58	NA	NA
1954 <u>3/</u>	----	----	8	92	NA	NA
1959 <u>3/</u>	----	----	4	28	NA	NA
1964 <u>3/ 4/</u>	----	----	----	----	NA	NA
1969 <u>4/</u>	----	----	----	----	3	2,768
1974 <u>5/ 6/</u>	----	----	----	----	1	(D)
1978 <u>5/</u>	1	(D)	NA	NA	1	(D)
1982	1	(D)	----	----	2	(D)
1987	----	----	----	----	----	----
1992	----	----	2	(D)	2	(D)
1997	----	----	1	(D)	----	----

1/ 1945 Chickens raised. Turkeys raised. 2/ 1950 Chickens sold. Turkeys raised. 3/ 1964, 1959 and 1954 Turkeys and turkey fryers raised. 4/ 1969 and 1964 Broilers and other meat-type chickens Less than 3 months old. 1969 and 1964 Turkeys with farm sales of \$2,500 and over. 5/ 1974 and 1978 Broilers and other meat type chickens sold. 6/ 1974 Turkeys and Hens & Pullets with farm sales of \$2,500 and over. (D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms. ---- Represents zero. NA Not available.

CROP ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION									
YEAR	CORN			WHEAT			SOYBEANS		
	Acreage	Yield	Production	Acreage	Yield	Production	Acreage	Yield	Production
		Bushels	Bushels		Bushels	Bushels		Bushels	Bushels
1935 <u>1/</u>	4,597	18.6	85,398	1,117	12.0	13,431	1,245	NA	NA
1940	4,318	20.2	87,315	891	16.5	14,733	NA	NA	11,300
1945	3,715	30.5	113,230	1,946	20.8	40,443	NA	NA	16,628
1950	3,831	38.3	146,713	2,422	21.2	51,247	2,786	22.3	62,037
1954	3,333	32.7	109,102	2,755	29.9	82,298	5,443	8.8	47,949
1959 <u>2/</u>	3,093	50.3	155,442	2,722	27.2	73,967	5,442	19.9	108,023
1964	2,939	71.2	209,165	2,057	33.6	69,098	5,050	21.0	106,275
1969	4,588	97.1	445,389	2,011	58.1	116,901	5,079	26.9	136,851
1974	4,741	85.5	405,214	5,635	42.1	237,198	10,198	20.5	209,329
1978	5,777	94.2	544,126	2,293	41.6	95,480	7,483	28.6	213,900
1982	5,508	126.6	697,358	4,150	41.1	170,361	7,897	34.2	269,738
1987	4,293	66.2	284,000	3,034	53.7	162,819	6,400	23.4	149,993
1992	4,870	127.9	622,850	5,641	63.4	357,451	9,089	32.4	294,150
1997	5,180	83.8	433,841	6,449	70.2	452,421	9,028	19.5	176,276

1/ All corn (grain equivalent, including silage and forage) 1935-54. 2/ For grain only, 1959-92. NA Not available.

CROP ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION											
YEAR	Vegetables for sale <u>1/</u>	Oats Threshed or Combined <u>2/</u>		Barley Threshed or Combined <u>2/</u>		Rye Threshed or Combined <u>2/</u>		Potatoes <u>3/</u>		Sweet Potatoes	
	Acreage	Acreage	Bushels	Acreage	Bushels	Acreage	Bushels	Acreage	Bushels	Acreage	Bushels
1935	30	261	5,030	171	2,806	106	1,315	82	7,040	57	5,340
1940	26	472	14,035	203	4,490	141	2,561	40	4,161	43	4,994
1945	32	969	37,520	325	10,750	170	2,907	24	2,026	12	1,466
1950	11	607	19,729	698	18,249	10	115	20	3,290	6	1,424
1954	11	1,559	73,794	871	31,422	41	492	5	2,087	1	711
1959	4	1,301	56,841	1,220	47,200	26	543	1	530	2	510
1964	114	489	25,825	1,309	50,923	81	1,810	1	41	NA	57
1969	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1974	24	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1978	NA	306	14,881	1,348	72,180	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1982	(D)	NA	NA	405	31,613	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1987	NA	NA	NA	1,040	73,365	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1992	(D)	NA	NA	1,300	103,875	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1997	NA	207	16,884	726	59,468	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

1/ Excludes potatoes and sweet potatoes. 2/ Beginning with 1964 includes farms with total sales of agricultural products of \$2,500 and over. 3/ Potatoes are in hundred weight starting in 1959. NA Not available. (D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms.

CROP ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION							
YEAR	All Hay	Alfalfa for Hay <u>1/</u>		Other Tame Hay <u>2/</u>		Small Grains for Hay <u>2/ 3/</u>	
	Acreage	Acreage	Tons	Acreage	Tons	Acreage	Tons
1935	3,170	237	508	1,009	1,077	312	297
1940	3,294	185	384	1,985	2,040	160	167
1945	3,347	232	455	1,906	2,680	126	219
1950	1,875	342	1,404	1,238	1,843	114	128
1954	2,379	261	544	1,444	1,236	227	375
1959	1,080	13	30	922	1,277	49	64
1964	1,391	53	52	977	1,313	79	46
1969	512	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1974	637	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1978	811	(D)	(D)	546	731	125	(D)
1982	630	NA	NA	495	668	NA	NA
1987	676	218	518	458	700	NA	NA
1992	1,186	194	492	410	756	NA	NA
1997	603	(D)	(D)	474	539	NA	NA

1/ Beginning with 1964 includes farms with total sales of agricultural products of \$2,500 and over. 2/ Beginning with 1964 includes farms with total sales of agricultural products of \$2,500 and over. Beginning with 1978 data are for all farms. Includes clover-timothy, lespedeza and orchard grass mixtures cut for hay. 3/ Beginning with 1978 data are for all farms. NA Not available. (D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms.